



YouTube as an Educational Resource

YouTube, the online video-sharing site (www.YouTube.com), is an excellent source for educational videos. Yes, it is true that YouTube has a lot of silly movies made by amateur Spielberg's looking for their 5 minutes of fame, but there are also a ton of videos that have great educational potential. Videos are great materials to use as a "spring-board" for a lesson, or as a reinforcement tool. You can also use videos as a way to take your students on virtual field trips. YouTube is also getting a nice collection of video lesson plans, student created videos, scientific experiments, how-to guides, battle reenactments, etc. YouTube videos can also be assigned as homework (if of course you have surveyed your students and confirmed that they all have computer/internet access at home).

Another option for teachers is to upload their own videos. Videos are easy to create at home if you have a web cam and free movie making software such as Windows Movie Maker (available for download at: <http://www.microsoft.com/windowsxp/downloads/updates/moviemaker2.msp>)

Or, sign out a video camera and tripod and record a lesson, demonstration, science lab, etc. in your classroom.

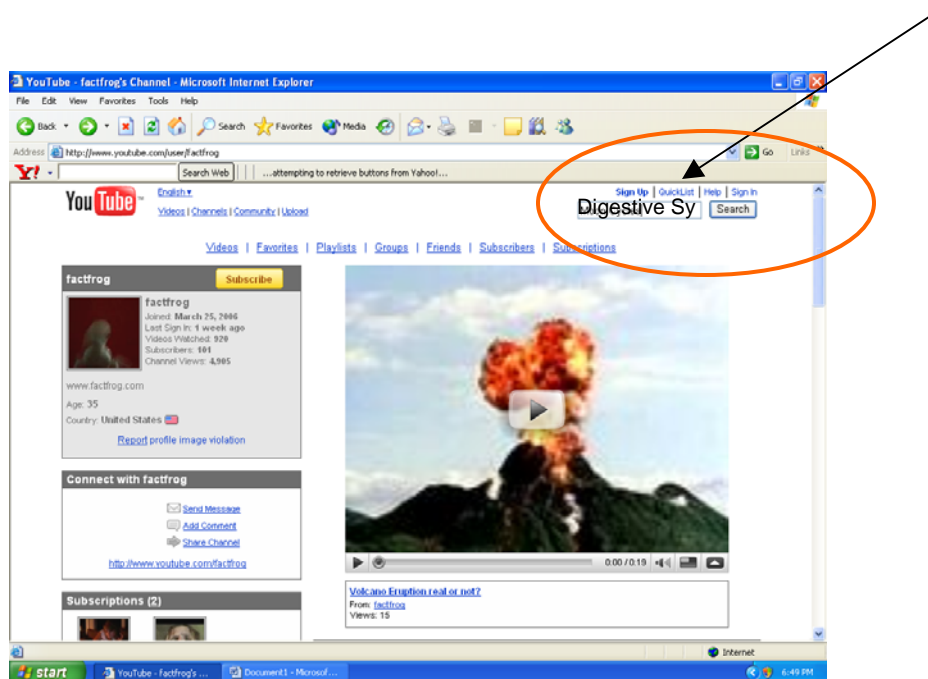
Downloading YouTube Videos at Home

One problem many educators face is that YouTube is blocked under most school district's web filter because of its R-rating (due to some of its unsavory material ☹). Because of this, you will need to access YouTube on your home computer. In addition, you will need to become familiar with one of the many software applications that are available for online use or as a free download that enable users to snag videos off of YouTube and many other video sharing sites (Google Video, etc.)

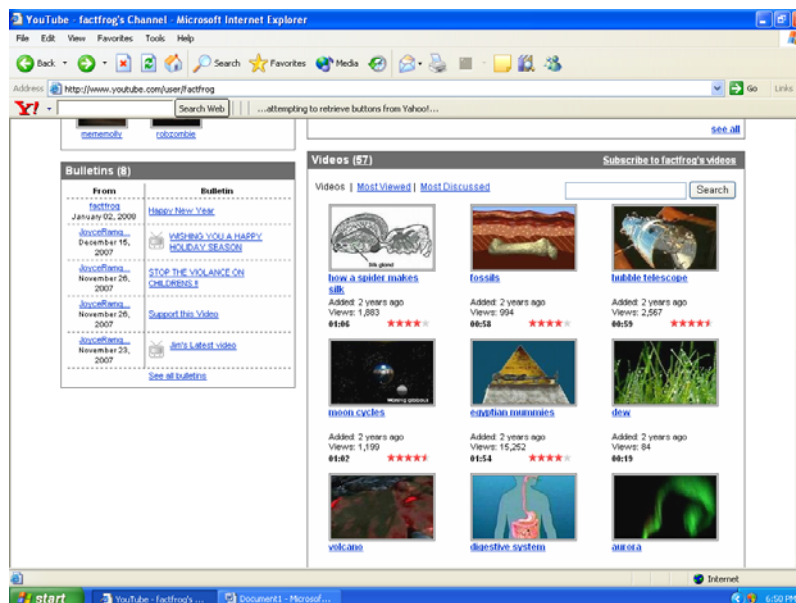
The website I am featuring, is call KeepVid.com. Again, it is just one of the many sites out their that you could use.

Step 1: Finding the Video You want to Download

1. Go to: www.YouTube.com (remember, you cannot get to YouTube at school. This must be done at home)
2. In the search window, type in a “key word” that describes the topic of the videos you are trying to find. **Example: Digestive System.**



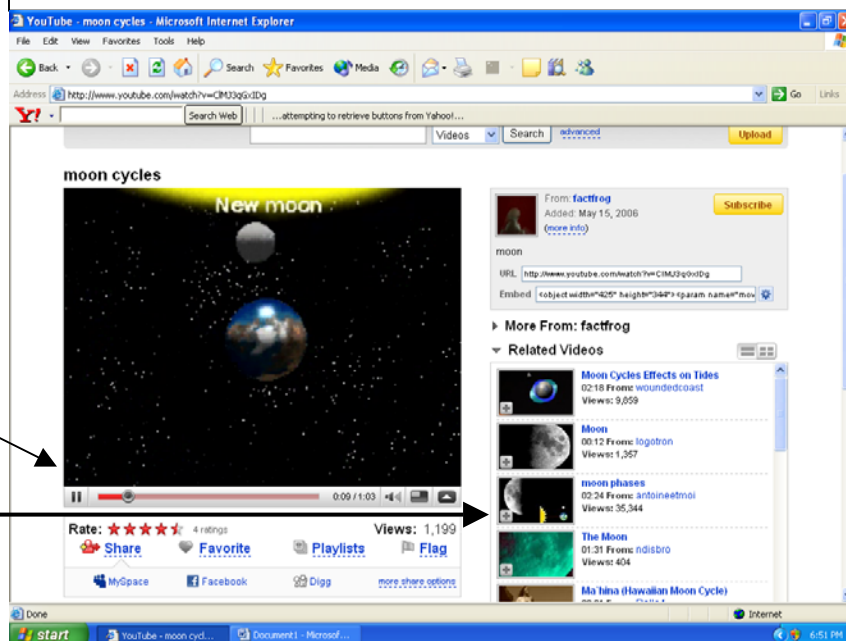
3. The next window will display all the videos that match your search criteria. The videos are displayed in a thumbnail view in alphabetical order. Below each thumbnail is the name of the video, when it was added, how many hits it has had, length of video clip, and star rating.



This screen shot shows a moon cycle video, with related "Moon" videos on the right.

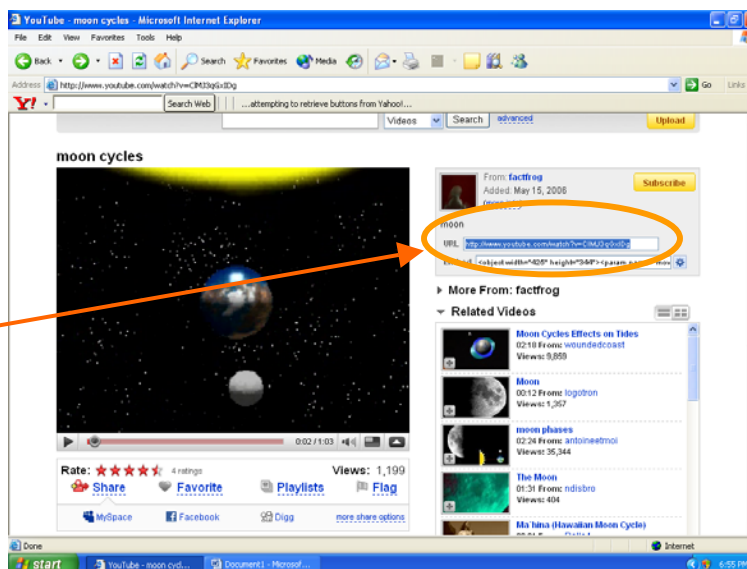
4. Double click on the thumbnail to preview the video. The preview window will open giving you a larger window to view the video. **Use the VCR controls below the video to stop/pause/play.**

You will also get a list of related videos in a column on the right.



5. Once you find the video you want to download, you need to highlight and copy the videos URL (web address). In the preview window, the video's URL is provided on the **right-hand side of the window.**

- Click and drag over the URL to highlight.
- Edit/Copy or use the CTRL/C keys to copy the URL.



Now you are ready to go to the KeepVid website to download the video.

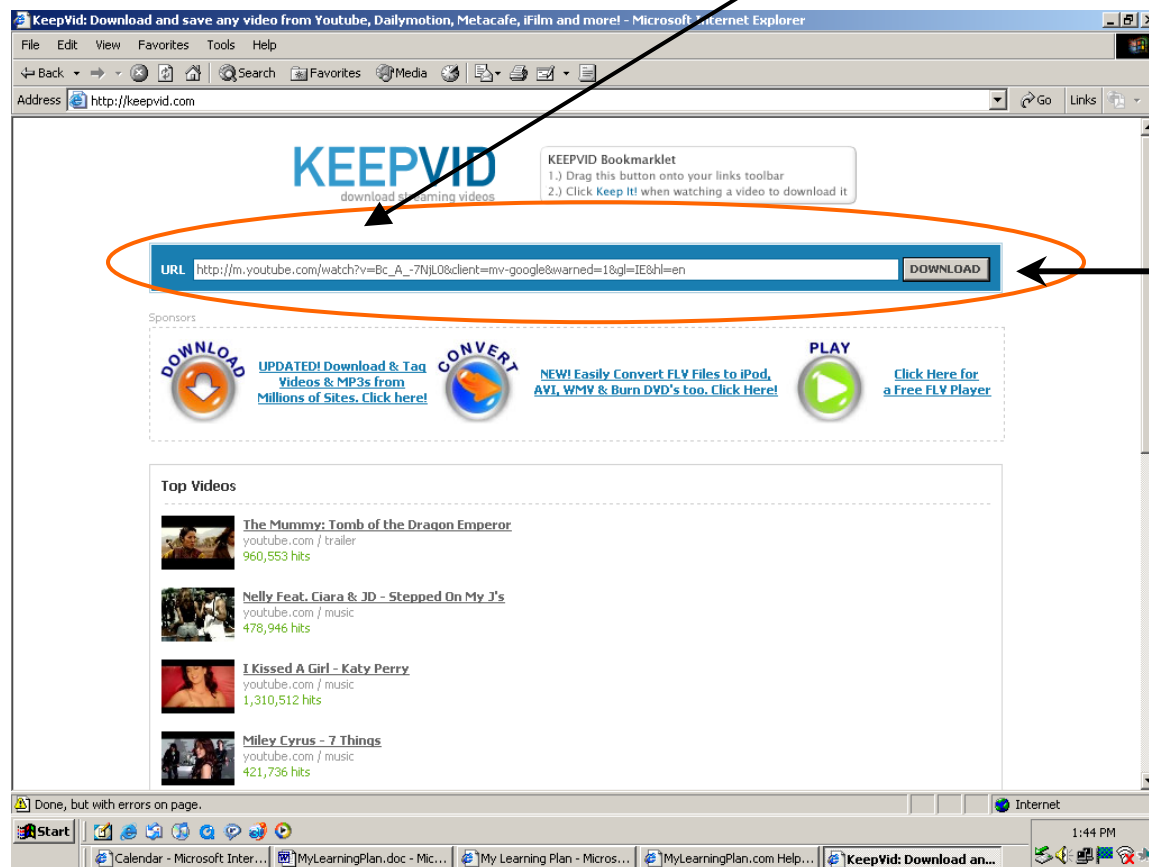
KEEPVID.COM

<http://keepvid.com/>

KeepVid.com is just one of the many free websites available for downloading videos.

The steps below describe how to use KeepVid to download YouTube video. The same steps would be taken to download videos from other sites such as Google Videos, SchoolTube, Teacher Domain, etc.

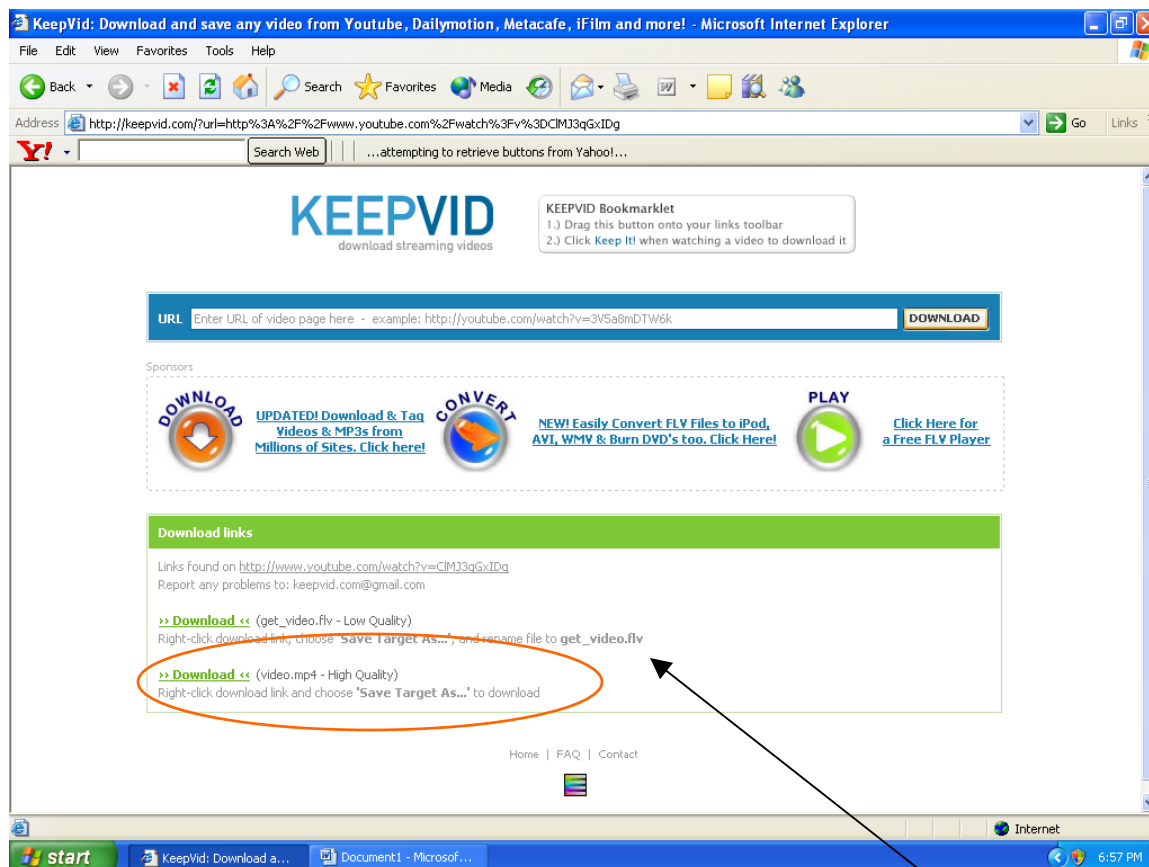
1. Paste the YouTube video's web address (URL) that you copied from YouTube (as described above in No. 5) in the **URL blank at the top of the page**. Then, click the download button to start the download process.



2. After clicking the Download button, open:



the following window will



3. On the lower part of the window, in the green **Download links** box, **right-click** on MP4 Option and from the menu choose “Save Target As...”. **DO NOT download as an .flv file, as this option requires an .flv player to be installed. Plus the video is small and low quality.**

- The second link will download the video as a MP4 file (higher quality. MP4s can be played through QuickTime or iTunes (both of these applications should already be on your computer. If not, see your buildings computer lab TA to request the install).

Download links

Links found on <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ClMJ3qGxIDq>

Report any problems to: keepvid.com@gmail.com

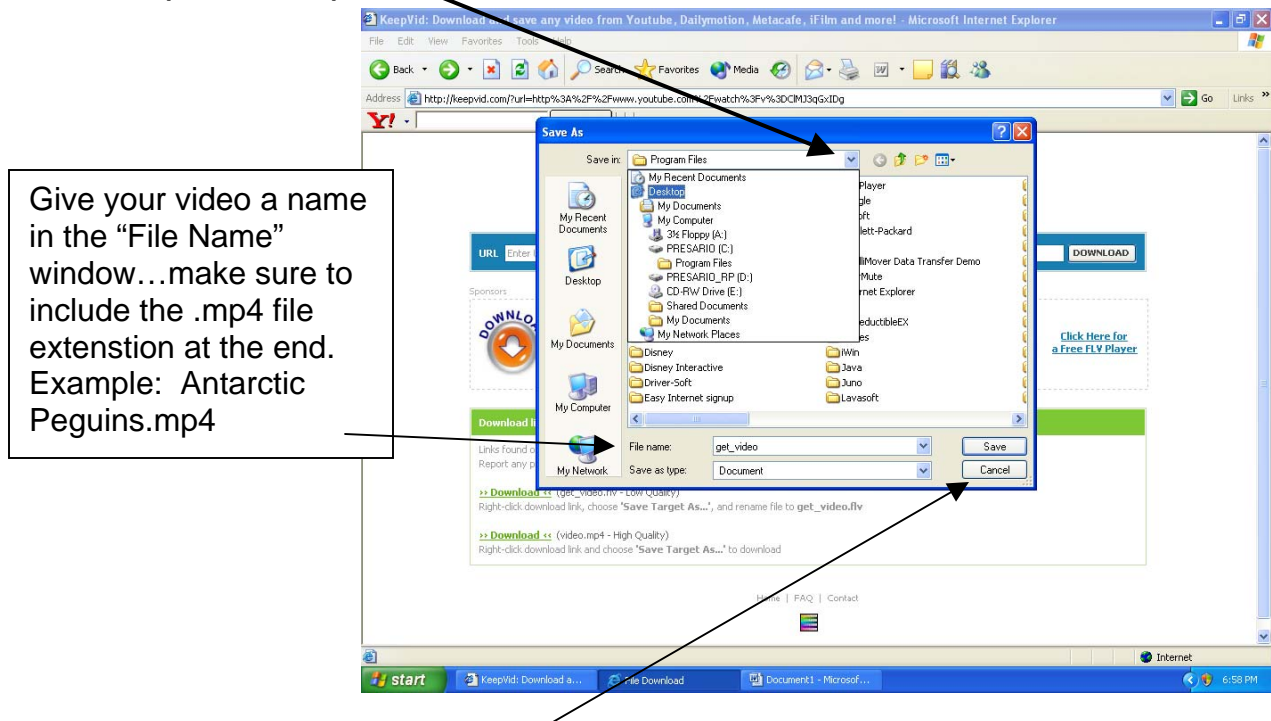
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Right-click download link, choose 'Save Target As...', and rename file to get_video.flv

>> **Download** << (video.mp4 - High Quality)

Right-click download link and choose 'Save Target As...' to download

- The **Save As** dialog box will open. Click the drop down arrow to navigate to where you want to save the video. **Remember, you will be on your home computer so you will be saving to either your C Drive, your desktop, or a removable disk drive (flash drive).**



- Hit the **Save button** when finished.

Bring the video to school on your jump drive, and dump it into your network account.